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## Draft recommendations submitted by the Rapporteur

### Trust Fund in support of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues expresses its appreciation to all those who contributed to the Trust Fund for the support of the Forum and calls upon Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and non-governmental organizations to give generously to the Fund.

2. The Permanent Forum decides that the Bureau of the Forum will serve as the advisory council to the Voluntary Fund for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People and calls upon Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and non-governmental organizations to give generously to the Fund.

### Contributions and participation of representatives of intergovernmental organizations and Governments

3. The Permanent Forum invites the agencies and Governments submitting contributions also to indicate in future the challenges that they face in the implementation of the Forum's recommendations.

4. Congratulates the United Nations Development Programme for convening a productive session of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues in September 2004, welcomes the expanding membership of the Inter-Agency Support Group and encourages other intergovernmental entities to join the Group, and encourages the Group to continue the practice of the participation of members of the Permanent Forum.

### International and regional institutions

5. The Permanent Forum notes with satisfaction the participation of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean as well as the

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participation of the Economic Commission for Africa and of the Inter-American Development Bank in inter-agency mechanisms on indigenous issues.

6. The Permanent Forum invites other international and regional institutions also to engage in cooperation with the Permanent Forum, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, UNAIDS, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic Commission for Europe, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Arctic Council, the Asian Development Bank, the African Union, the Organization of American States, the Association of South-East Asian Nations, and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation.

7. The Permanent Forum reiterates the recommendations contained in the report on its second session[1] and strongly advises positive consideration of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria and UNAIDS joining the Inter-Agency Support Group.

**North America, the Arctic, the Pacific and Central and Eastern Europe**

8. The Permanent Forum decides to devote sufficient time during its fifth session to special events for the purpose of identifying the issues, challenges and positive measures of cooperation required to improve the situation of indigenous peoples in the above-mentioned regions and invites the United Nations system, as well as relevant Governments, regional intergovernmental institutions and organizations, and indigenous peoples organizations to contribute to these special events.

**Implementation and monitoring at the country level**

9. The Permanent Forum recommends the designation of focal points in the United Nations country teams or the country offices of United Nations agencies, funds and programmes, with a mandate to deal with indigenous issues, inter alia, to follow-up on the implementation of recommendations of the Permanent Forum, and the objectives of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People.

**Analysis of recommendations of the first three sessions**

[*This recommendation may need to be submitted to the Economic and Social Council, consultation needed*].

10. In order to facilitate its future work, the Permanent Forum decides to appoint Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum, and William Littlechild, member of the Permanent Forum, to prepare, without financial implications, an analytical paper with a concise thematic compilation of the recommendations of the first three sessions of the Forum, and their status of implementation at the national, regional and international levels, and to submit it to the Permanent Forum at its fifth session, in 2006.

**Methodological points**

11. The Permanent Forum recommends that in order to raise further awareness of indigenous peoples and the Millennium Development Goals, the Economic and

[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 23* (E/2003/43-E/C.19/2003/22), para. 75.

Social Council High-level Segment to be held from 29 June to 1 July 2005, and the General Assembly Summit to be held in September 2005 allow presentations of recommendations of the Forum at its fourth session on the Millennium Development Goals by the Chairperson of the Forum.

12. The Permanent Forum decides to appoint Yuri Boychenko, member of the Permanent Forum, to prepare, without financial implications, a working paper on current practices and methods of work to be submitted at the fifth session of the Permanent Forum.

13. With a view to strengthening collaboration during the intersessional period, and further developing expert recommendations to member organizations of the Inter-Agency Support Group on Indigenous Issues, the Permanent Forum decides to increase visits by its members to these entities to carry out an in-depth analysis of the programmes, activities and operations at the international, regional and national levels.

**Traditional knowledge: health and language perspectives**

14. In order to promote a collaborative and complementary approach to indigenous traditional knowledge, to promote increased participation of indigenous representatives at traditional knowledge-related meetings of the United Nations system, an enhanced understanding of indigenous issues and their possible solution regarding traditional knowledge, the Forum recommends convening a United Nations inter-agency expert group meeting, with the participation of indigenous experts.

**Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People**

15. In order to mark the expected adoption of the plan of action for the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People by the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, the Permanent Forum decides to organize a special day of discussion on a Programme of Action during its fifth session, in 2006, and invites the Coordinator of the Decade and the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to initiate the awareness-raising campaign of the Second International Decade.